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INSINGER DE BEAUFORT ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW UK CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

Insinger de Beaufort, the Anglo-Dutch investment house announced the appointment of a new UK Chairman. Robert Jeens, 51, will also join the Supervisory Board of Bank Insinger de Beaufort NV. Mr Jeens has extensive experience of Financial Services, becoming a partner in the financial services group of Touche Ross and Co, (now Deloitte) in 1984, before moving on to Kleinwort Benson in 1987 where later he became Finance Director. In 1996 Robert was appointed as Group Finance Director for Woolwich plc.

Since 1999 Robert has established a portfolio of non-executive appointments. He is currently a non-executive director of the Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Limited, TR European Growth Trust PLC and The Roxboro Group PLC. He is also Chairman of m.a. partners, the financial markets management consulting firm, and Causeway Technologies Inc, a leading software supplier to the construction industry.

Piers White, UK CEO commented, "We are delighted to welcome Robert Jeens to Insinger de Beaufort. I am convinced that Robert will be of enormous help to us as we seek to grow our Private Banking, Corporate Finance and Institutional trading businesses. It is also significant that Robert will be joining the Bank Insinger de Beaufort NV Board. This will help us to push forward the development of the group and UK business as one."

Robert Jeens commented, "I am very pleased to join Insinger de Beaufort. The bank has an established and well deserved reputation for excellence and innovation in the Netherlands. I look forward to working with Piers and his colleagues in the continuing development of the scale and scope of the UK businesses."

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Notes to editors

Insinger de Beaufort is an Anglo Dutch banking group with origins dating back to 1779.

The group operates through three main business lines, focussing on Private Banking, Asset Management, both centred in Amsterdam and Institutional & Corporate Clients, centred in London. Insinger de Beaufort also has offices in: Eindhoven, The Hague, Geneva, Luxembourg, Jersey, Isle of Man, Rome and Johannesburg.

Insinger de Beaufort, as an independent group, offers its private clients a broad range of products and services, from integrated private banking, private equity and stock broking to a full range of manager selection funds. The offering to institutional clients varies from asset management, equity and bond broking and research to mid market corporate finance services.

The group operates through Bank Insinger de Beaufort N.V. and its subsidiaries. Insinger de Beaufort Holdings S.A., the ultimate parent company, is listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Additional information on the group and its services can be found by visiting Insinger de Beaufort's website at www.insinger.com

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